

## Who can join?

**YOU** can join!

As long as you interview before you graduate, you are eligible to join the Team, even if you graduate before the first Team meeting. You must be a member of MNSSPA/NCA to be eligible to apply.



## Why join?

Because it's FUN! You will develop better skills, develop more advanced skills, have the opportunity to attend hair shows, and meet and work with great people from across the state. "You will get to work on models and learn all about the business," said a former Team member. Now THAT'S FUN!



Safari Theme



Bridezilla Theme

## SWAT TEAM

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## How do you join?

Once a year a Team is chosen. Each school receives a packet which includes a cover letter for the school and a letter and application/questionnaire for interested students. A DVD is also included so you can learn about the SWAT Team experience from past Team members. Of course you can always go to our website [www.sspatoday.com](http://www.sspatoday.com) to get further information and to download forms.

Along with your application/questionnaire include a letter of recommendation from one of your instructors. Be sure that you have joined

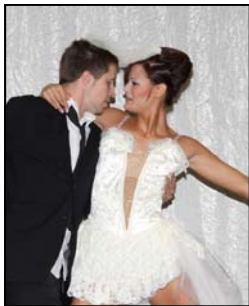
MNSSPA/NCA, the only Association that continues to advance the careers of cosmetologists.

Once your application has been received, an interview will be scheduled. You will be asked to prepare a short demonstration to show both your technical skills and your creativity. After

all the applicants have been interviewed the new Team will be chosen and you will start your exciting year as a SWAT Team member.



Model Prepped by SWAT Team



## Experience...Opportunity

During this creative year, you will receive guidance from master educators about on-stage performance techniques, including how to speak to an audience and how to demonstrate. You will also learn how to be an effective assistant to a master educator and how to work 'behind the scenes' to produce a show.

The Team will learn how to put on a main stage performance by picking a theme, finding appropriate models, choosing outfits, and adding the music. You will then prepare your models to complete your show segment. A past SWAT Team member said, "It was so much fun working as a team to put on a main stage performance. Everyone was awesome!"

You may also have the opportunity to prep models for the Ultimate Style Runway Extravaganza during the INSalon weekend. This entertaining evening event is attended by INSalon guest artists, educators salon owners and professionals. It is also open to the public, allowing them to catch a glimpse of the creative side of the industry.



## Team Commitment

You will be required to attend two events, two workshops and one orientation meeting, but we make it easy for you to fulfill your one-year commitment. A schedule of dates is sent with your acceptance letter. Most events are on Sundays, allowing you to plan around work and school schedules.



From planning to performance, you and your fellow team members will be responsible for a 30 minute main stage performance at INSalon in the Fall. INSalon is attended by approximately 2,500 industry professionals and students from the upper Midwest. You just might make a networking connection that leads you to your first job. Regardless how you benefit from your year on the Team, SWAT will provide you with an opportunity to meet professionals who can help you *realize your dreams!*

*'...creating is the true essence of life.'*  
B.G. Niebuhr